Death of deers in Udhampur Deer Park

3376. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of deers are dying in Udhampur Deer Park;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No report of large scale death of deer in Udhampur Deer Park has been received. However, 18 Spotted Deer died during transportation from Mantlai to Udhampur in Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) and (d) An enquiry into the cause of death has been ordered by the State Government.

Survey for environment protection

3377. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre for Science and Environment had conducted a survey among environmentalists and readers of Down to Earth (DTE), to find out the steps taken by them to promote environmental protection and sustainable development; and

(b) if so, what has been the outcome of the survey and the rating by environmentalists?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) conducts a survey once in two years to rate the Greenest Chief Minister. The survey seeks the opinion of environmentalists in respective States, academicians, bureaucrats and readers of Down to Earth. The Chief Ministers are rated on their achievement in the field of environment management and conservation. The Centre for Science and Environment has completed the basic survey work for publication of the outcome and rating.